

Amendments to the Specification:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) kindly amend the specification as follows. Amendments to the specification are made by presenting replacement paragraphs or sections marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended paragraph or section are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

Please replace the FIELD OF THE INVENTION SECTION on page 1, lines 8-10 with the following FIELD OF THE INVENTION SECTION, starting on page 1, line 8:

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention pertains to the field of assembly of many plastic parts to other parts. More particularly, the invention pertains to a creep locking retention mechanism (clip).

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 11 through 22 with the following paragraph, starting on page 1, line 11:

Published WIPO patent application, WO03062668A1, entitled SNAP-FIT CHAIN GUIDE teaches a chain guide includinginges a bracket adapted for being secured to an engine. The bracket includes a support surface including a leading end and a trailing end, and further includes a first saw-tooth fixing element. A guide shoe includes: (i) a shoe leading end; (ii) a shoe trailing end spaced from the shoe leading end in a chain movement direction; (iii) a chain guide surface extending between the shoe leading end and the shoe trailing end and adapted for slidably supporting an associated chain moving in the chain movement direction; and, (iv) an inner surface positioned adjacent the support surface of said bracket. The guide shoe further includes a second saw-tooth fixing element that mates with the first saw-tooth fixing element of the said bracket to inhibit disconnection of the said-guide shoe and the said-bracket.

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 16 through 29 with the following paragraph, starting on page 4, line 16:

A wearing element 20 formed of a material having more elasticity or less rigidity as compared with structure element 12 is provided. Wearing element 20 is also known as a face or

a shoe. Wearing element 20 is generally made of polymer material such as plastic without filler reinforcement. Wearing element 20 has a shape that traces or follows the generally elongated shape of structure element 12. Wearing element 20 further includes a first surface 22 and a second surface 24. First surface 22 is disposed to be in contact with a chain (not shown) thereby keeping the chain at a suitable tension or guide the chain in a predetermined matter. Second surface 24 is disposed to be in physical contact with top surface 14 of structure element 12. It is pointed out that there is no chemical bonding between wearing element 20 and structure element 12 even if both elements (12, 20) are made of polymer materials. Wearing element 20 is divided into a first end 25 and a second end 27. First end 25 structurally corresponds to the first end 15 of structure ~~wearing~~-element 12~~0~~. Second end 27 structurally corresponds to the second end 17 of structure element 12.

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, lines 1 through 7 with the following paragraph, starting on page 6, line 1:

Referring to Fig. 2A, a second view 30b wherein a devices having dart-type snap on clips with creeping is shown. As can be appreciated, due to the creeping effect the elongated member 20 which is typically made of polymer materials together with some kind~~k~~ of filler material tends to deform. The creep may be caused by wear of a chain onto surface 22, the ambient temperature around the device, or a combination of the former. The elongated member 20 is typically made of polymer materials together with some kind~~k~~ of filler material.